

DEFICIENCIES—CONTINGENT FUND OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 866.]

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LETTER

FROM

THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMUNICATING

*Estimates for deficiencies in the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives.*

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DECEMBER 13, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.,  
Washington, December 10, 1860.

SIR: The following sums will be required to be appropriated to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for contingent expenses of the House of Representatives for the present fiscal year, viz: "Binding documents, fifty thousand dollars," (\$50,000.) The original appropriation of fifty thousand dollars having been expended, proves to be insufficient, it being twenty-five thousand dollars less than the appropriation for the preceding year, and fifty thousand dollars less than the appropriation for the corresponding year, which ended June 30, 1859, a larger number of documents having been ordered to be printed this year than was anticipated when the estimates were made; and from the best information in my possession the above-named sum will be required.

"Miscellaneous items, twenty-one thousand dollars," (\$21,000.) The deficiency in this item was caused by this amount being used to pay the folders employed, and for materials used in folding documents, speeches, &c., during the presidential campaign.

"Folding documents, twenty-six thousand dollars," (\$26,000.) This sum will be required to pay folders and for materials necessary to be used during the last eight months of the fiscal year, (twenty thousand dollars for folders and six thousand dollars for materials.)

"Furniture and repairs and boxes for members, five thousand dollars," (\$5,000.) This deficiency comes of the unusual amount of repairs done during the past summer.

"Stationery, six thousand dollars," (\$6,000.) This sum will be required to keep up an assortment and pay balances to members.

Very respectfully,

J. W. FORNEY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives U. S.*

Hon. JOHN SHERMAN,

*Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means,*

*House of Representatives U. S.*